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SUBJ: HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR: MILITARY SIGN BORDER SECURITY
AGREEMENT.

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN MILITARY
AUTHORITIES MET AT EL AMATILLO BORDER CROSSING JULY 18 AND
SIGNED ACCORD AIMED AT CONTROLLING MOVEMENT OF CATTLE RUSTLERS
OF BOTH COUNTRIES WHO CROSS BACK AND FORTH IN THAT AREA.
HONDURAS' MILITARY DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY COL. LANDA WHILE THIRD
INFANTRY BRIGADE (SAN MIGUEL) COMMANDER COL. LEONIDAS ROJAS
SIGNED FOR SALVADOR. MILITARY SOURCES CONFIRM MEETING AND SUB-
SEQUENT FRIENDLY LUNCHEON OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES HOSTED BY THE SALVAORANS AT SANTA ROSE DE LIMA, WHICH
IS SOME DISTANCE FROM THE FRONTIER. HONDURAS THEN INVITED
SALVADORAN COUNTERPARTS FOR A VISIT ACROSS THE BORDER WHICH
THEY ACCEPTED. WHILE NO DETAILS OF THE ACCORD ARE YET AVAILABLE,
MILITARY OFFICIALS EXPLAIN THAT CATTLE RUSTLERS CROSSING
THE BORDER FOR REFUGE PROMPTED SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN EARLY
JULY, SOME OF WHICH HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN REPORTED TO OAS.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF THIS MIGHT BE A

PART OF THE PLAN TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS STEP-BY STEP OR
WAS STRICTLY A MILITARY-TO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENT, IT NONETHELESS
MAY HELP REDUCE SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND WOULD SEEM TO
INDICATE THAT MILITARY CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES,
WHICH HAVE DROPPED OFF SOMEWHAT IN RECENT MONTHS,MAY BE
ON THE INCREASE.
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